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37 C.F.R. § 1.131 DECLARATION

Dear Sir:

We, Benjamin T. Gomez, Peter W. Flemming, and Alfred Thomas, named co-inventors of pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/660,041, entitled "Gaming Machine With Bonus Choice Changing Feature" hereby declare:

1. We are co-inventors named on the United States Patent Application No. 10/660,041 ("the '041 application").

2. The '041 application generally pertains to a gaming machine including a bonus selection feature. We invented the subject matter of the claims of the '041 application prior to the filing date of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2005/0055115 (Gerrard et al. '115), which is September 9, 2003.

3. As detailed below, the subject matter of the '041 application was conceived prior to September 9, 2003, the filing date of Gerrard et al. '115.


4. Exhibit A is a true printout of a PowerPoint presentation that we prepared prior to September 9, 2003, showing drawings and descriptions of the embodiments of the claimed invention.

5. In view of Exhibit A, the subject matter of the '041 application was conceived prior to September 9, 2003, the filing date of Gerrard et al. '115. Additionally, after the development of the PowerPoint presentation in Exhibit A, we also continued to diligently investigate and refine the technology that is the subject matter of the '041 application at least until September 11, 2003, the filing date of the '041 application.

6. In addition to our work on the technology, after the development of the PowerPoint presentation in Exhibit A, we continued to diligently work with Patent Counsel on developing the patent application that resulted in the '041 application.

7. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and, further, that these statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the '041 application or any patent issued thereon.


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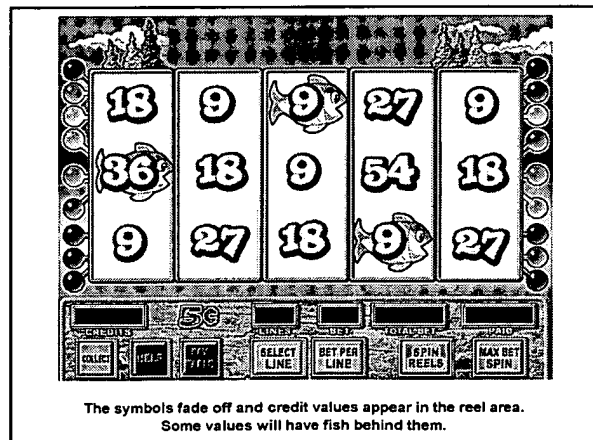
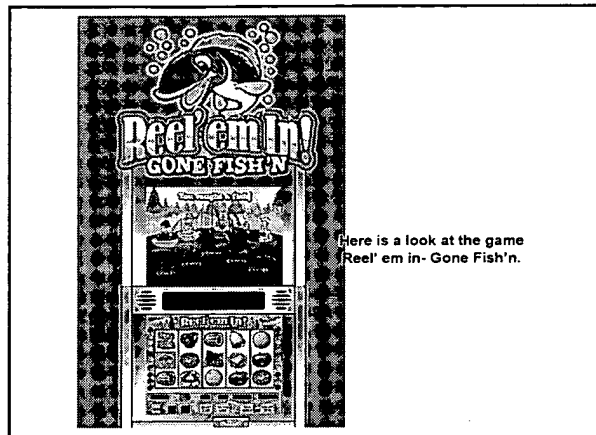

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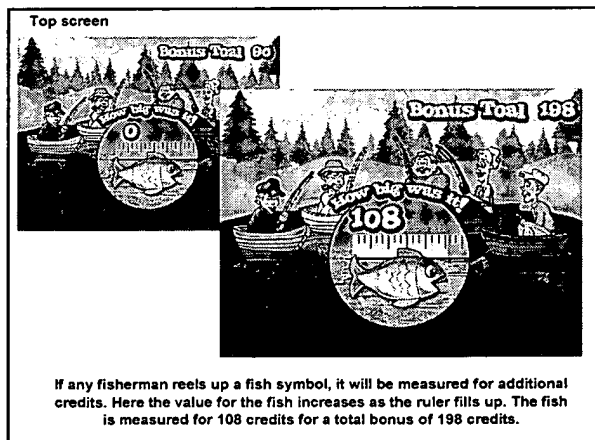
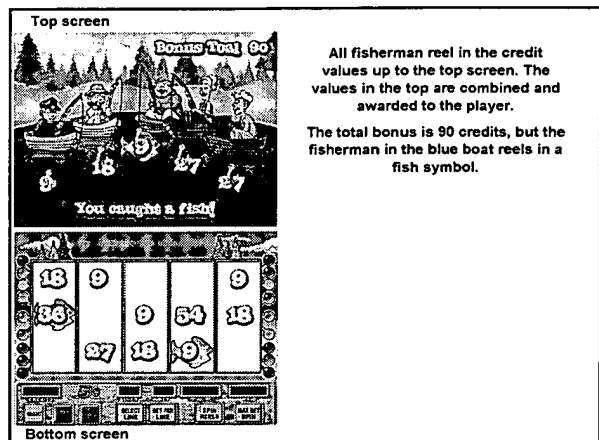
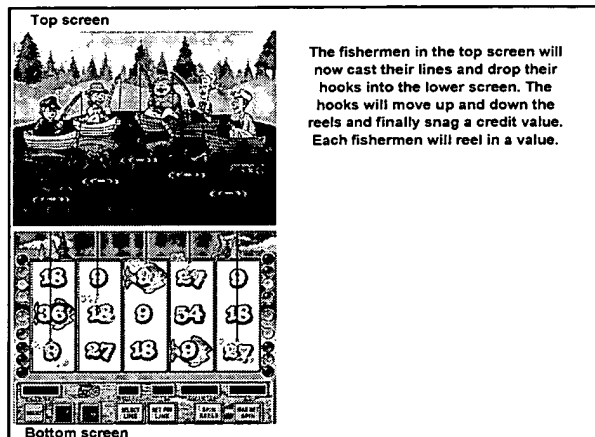
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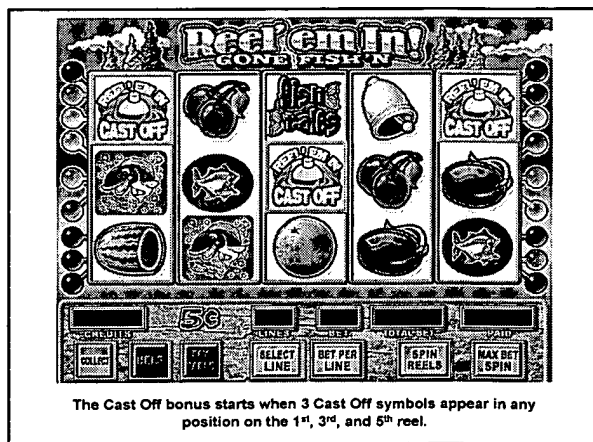
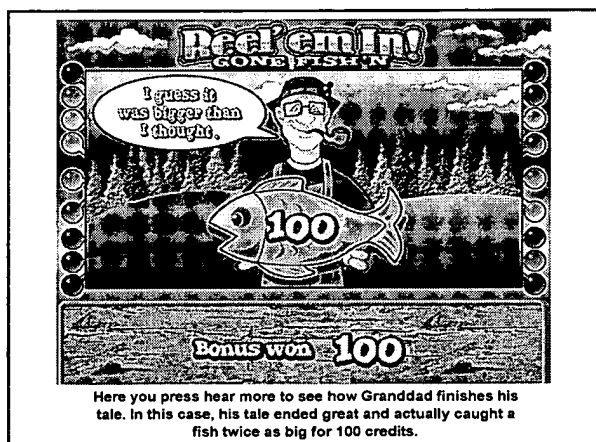
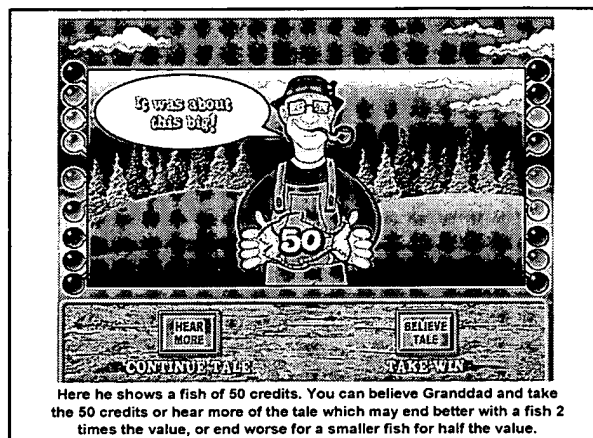
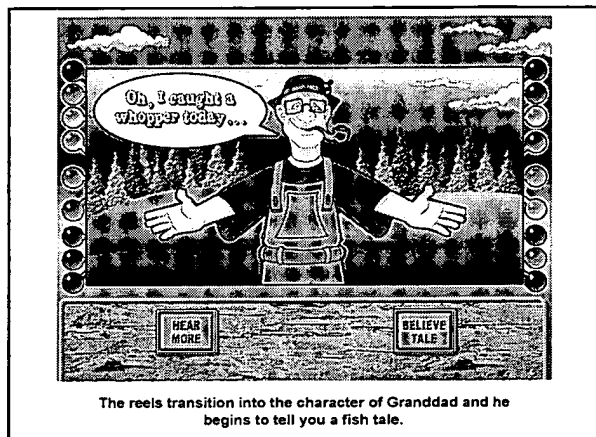

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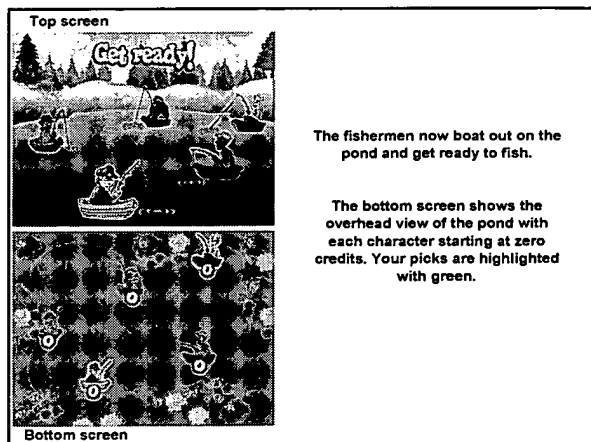
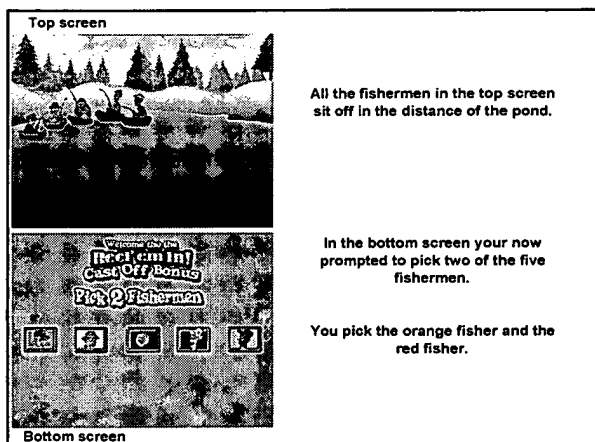
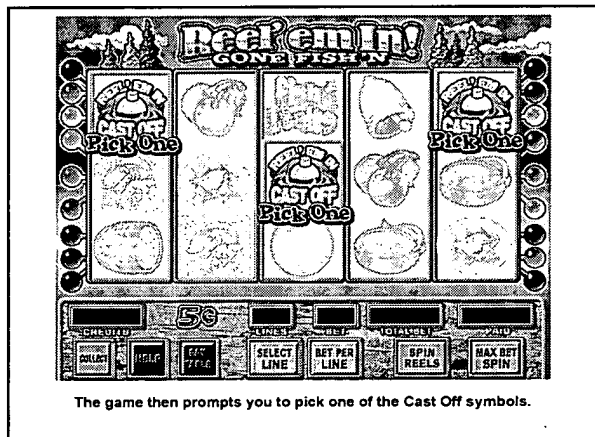
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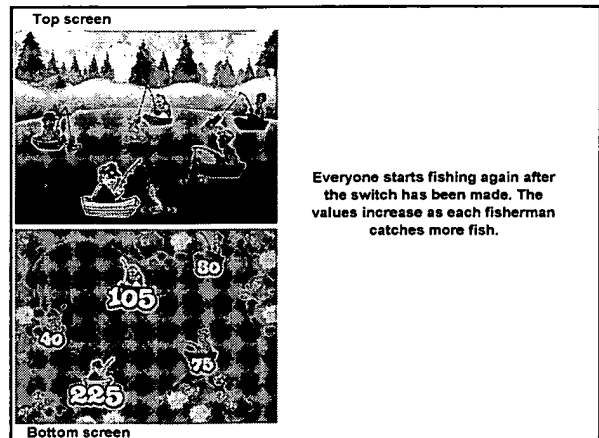
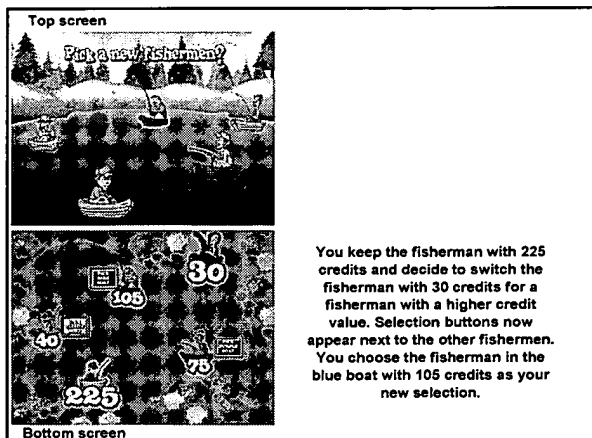
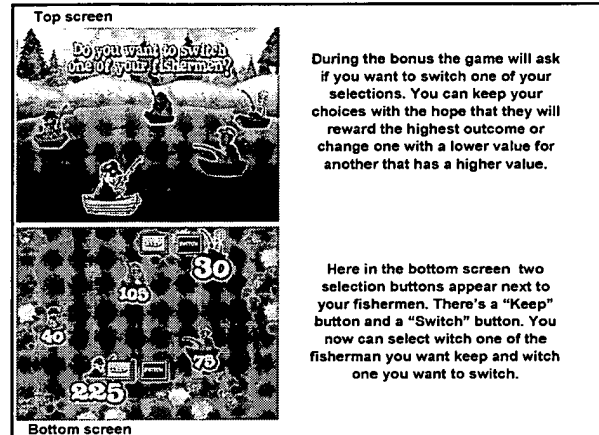
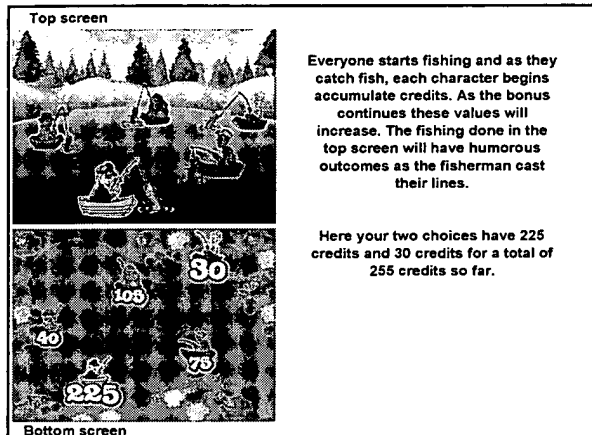

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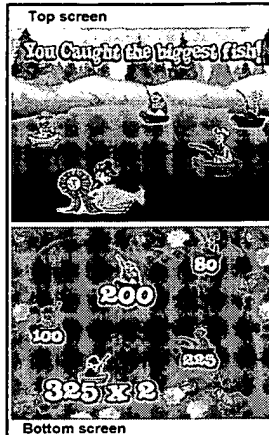












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